

NORTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP REORGANIZATION MEETING

JANUARY 1, 2020- 12:00 PM

MINUTES

The North Brunswick Township Council held its Reorganization Meeting on Tuesday January 1, 2020 at 12:02 pm at the Municipal Complex located at 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey.

Mayor Womack asked if everyone would make sure their cell phones were turned off during the meeting.

Mayor Womack welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Invocation was done by Reverend Doctor Francis M. Womack II.

Samantha and Joseph Guadagnino, Alessandra and Gianna Socio and Richie Zangara led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Miss Tangie Cobb sang Star Spangled Banner

Ms. Russo certified the election.

Ms. Russo administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Francis “Mac” Womack – bible held by wife Carol Womack.

Mayor Womack administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Ralph Andrews – bible held by children Jill, Nick and daughter in law Marrisona.

Councilman Andrews addresses the assembly and gives thanks to everyone. He expresses that he is here for service to the town and if anyone has any issues and/or concerns they can always reach out to anyone on the council or Mayor or Mayors office. Councilman Andrews expresses special thanks to Rich Zangara, Gary Hirsh, Mayor and all fellow council members.

Mayor Womack administered the Oath of Office to Councilwoman Amanda Guadagnino – bible held by husband Patrick and children Samantha and Joseph.

Councilwoman gives thanks to everyone, she agrees with Councilman Andrews said he said it best. She also gave thanks to the first responses, fellow council members and Mayor. She had a great year as council president and was appreciative of all the hard work. Councilwoman Guadagnino agrees with councilman Andrews and wants the best for the town, she is looking forward to all the things coming up. There is a big push for the census and she explains how it determines a lot for the township. Encourages everyone to do their part.

Mayor Womack called the meeting to order.

Roll Call:	Present:	Messrs: Lopez, Andrews, Corbin, Davis, Socio and Ms. Guadagnino
	Absent:	None

Ms. Russo announced that the notice requirements of the Sunshine Law have been satisfied. Notices were sent to the following newspapers on December 23, 2019: The Home News & Tribune, the Star Ledger and the North Brunswick Sentinel. Also, notices were posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Complex and filed in the Clerk’s office on December 23, 2019.

Councilman Socio gives thanks to all the families of the council members for their support.

Councilman Socio introduced dignitaries and special guests at today's meeting. Middlesex County Democratic Organization Chairman Kevin McCabe, Vice Chairwoman Beatrice Mozkowitz. Middlesex County Freeholders Charlie Tomaro, Charlie Kenny, Ken Armwood and Shanti Narra. Freeholder Elect Claribel Azscona-Barber. Middlesex County Clerk Elaine Flynn. Township Auditor Andy Hodulik. From CME Dave Samnuels, John Kristkowski and Mike McClelland. North Brunswick Democratic Organization Chairman Rich Zangara, Vice Chairwoman Ro Tucker. Highland Park Councilwoman Elsie Foster Dublin. South Amboy Councilman Mickey Gross. Former Board Of Education member Connie Corbin, Township Planner Tom Vigna. Township Clerk Lisa Russo, Clerk 1 Nellie Sowell and Administrative Secretary Marilu Ruiz. Director of Public Works Eric Chaszar. Director of Community Development Michael Hritz, CFO Cavel Gallimore, Director of Public Safety Ken McCormick, Deputy Chief Joseph Battaglia, Business Administrator Kathy Monzo, Assistant Business Administrator Justine Progebin, Director of Parks Recreation and Community Services Lou Ann Benson, Emergency Management Coordinator Mark Cafferty, CERT team Chadd Heyman, Confidential Assistant to Mayor Womack Janice Larkin, 1st Lady Carol Womack, Special guest Reverend Doctor Francis Man Womack Jr. South Brunswick Mayor Charlie Carley, South Brunswick Councilman Ken Beirman and Piscataway Mayor Brian Whaler

Mayor Womack called for a motion for election of Council President. So moved by Ms. Guadagnino to nominate Mr. Andrews, second by Mr. Davis

**Roll Call: Ayes: Messrs. Lopez, Andrews, Corbin, Davis, Socio and Ms. Guadagnino
 Nays: None
 Abstain: None
 Absent: None**

Mayor Womack administered the Oath of Office to Council President Ralph Andrews – bible held by children Jill, Nick and daughter in law Marrissa.

Council President Andrews spoke of there being ups and downs this past year for his family. His wife had sadly passed from breast cancer years ago and this year his daughter Jill had battled it as well. Council president expressed how early detection through MRI's and testing caught it and helped his daughter aggressively fight. Jill went through radiation and chemotherapy. Jill has a 3% chance of the cancer coming back. On an up side his son Nick got married. Council president says everything is going great. Thanksgiving was wonderful, everyone being together with his new daughter-in-law Marrissa and her family. Council president Andrews speaks of the exciting new things coming up this year in North Brunswick. The installation of water meters at the plant, commercial buildings and in residents homes. This will prevent water readings and will give the homeowners the accessibility to detect potential water issues in their homes. Council president Andrews also spoke of the water main and drainage issue on Livingston Ave. He spoke of updating the fleet to include electric vehicles, how the township will proceed in placing charging stations and the municipal building will change some of the lighting to LED lights, which will save money. Council president gave thanks to all for coming out and residents for voting for him. Thanks to his fellow councilmember's for electing him council president.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve Resolution # 1-1.20 – Authorizing A PSA With Rainone Coughlin Minchello LLC To Serve As Municipal Attorney. So moved Mr. Andrews, second by Mr. Socio.

**Roll Call: Ayes: Messrs. Lopez, Andrews, Corbin, Davis, Socio, and Ms. Guadagnino
 Nays: None
 Abstain: None
 Absent: None**

Mayor Womack administered the Oath of Office to Township Attorney, Ronald Gordon, Esq. – bible held by Jack Progebin.

Mayor Womack asked that items *a through av.* be approved on the consent agenda. Motion made by Mr. Socio seconded by Ms. Andrews

**Roll Call: Ayes: Messrs.: Lopez, Andrews, Corbin, Davis, Socio and Ms. Guadagnino
 Nays: None
 Abstain: None
 Absent: None**

Mayor Womack administered the Oath of Office to Business Administrator Kathryn W. Monzo – bible held by Justine Progebin.

**Mayor Womack administered the Oath of Office to...
Director Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services Lou Ann Benson,
Director Department of Public Works Eric Chaszar,
Director Department of Public Safety Kenneth McCormick,
Director Department of Community Services Michael Hritz
Bible held by them all together**

Mayor Womack administered the Oath of Office to Chief Financial Officer Cavel S. Gallimore – bible held by husband Clive Williams.

**Mayor Womack administered the Oath of Office to Fire Department Officers...
Fire Chief – Kenneth Graulich
First Assistant Chief – Jeffrey Dunham
Second Assistant Chief – Dave Klisch
Bible held by Isabelle Klisch**

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing. No discussion.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to close Public Hearing, so moved by Mr. Andrews, second by Mr. Socio

**Roll Call: Present: Messrs. Lopez, Andrews, Corbin, Davis, Socio and Ms. Guadagnino
 Nays: None
 Abstain: None
 Absent: None**

Mayor Womack acknowledges Assistant Business Administrator Justine Progebin for all her hard work.

Councilman Davis announces in 2019 the township reached its 80th veteran street naming honoring the towns veterans.] asked if anyone knows of veterans who were born in, reside in or had resided in North Brunswick to please advise so they may be recognized with a street named for them.

Council president Andrews states there are many businesses in North Brunswick and asked residents to please shop locally help keep the local businesses sustainable.

Mayor Womack gave State of the Township Address (copy attached)

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adjourn the meeting, so moved by Mr. Davis, second by Mr. Socio.

Roll Call: Present: Messrs. Lopez, Andrews, Corbin, Davis, Socio and Ms. Guadagnino
Absent: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Adjourn 1:02 P.M.

Benediction given by Reverend Doctor Francis Mac Womack Jr.

Municipal Clerk
Lisa Russo